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As a rural land and business owner in the Willamette Valley I think SB 413 is a bad bill and urge you to oppose it. More roads at the expense of productive farmland is a very bad idea for the 21st century. We need to do all we can to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels for Oregon's (unfortunately) growing population. We are certainly more thoughtful and creative and can come up with something better than one more highway eating up some of our best farmland. Agricultural exports make up a significant part of our (export) economy, therefore bringing outside money into Oregon. As the urban populations grow this close in farmland will also be ever more important in feeding those folks efficiently.

I also see SB 413 as a general threat allowing one more level of independent transportation planning districts with the ability to use tax dollars for more roads. We all know well that we have limited financial resources in the state and the transportation share should be used first to maintain the roads and bridges that we have - not build more.

I urge you to oppose this bill and help us use our collective creativity to support 21st century solutions (less fossil fuel use per person and per ton of freight) to our transportation issues. We can do it.

Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling